



## Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast

February 14, 2021

Last Sunday After the Epiphany

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### Scripture for the Last Sunday After Epiphany

- 2 Kings 2:1-12: Elijah is assumed into Heaven in a blaze of light.
  - Psalms 50:1-6: A song of a God who shines forth and is a devouring fire.
  - 2 Corinthians 4:3-6: Paul writes of light and glory. Christ has shone “out of darkness.”
  - Mark 9:2-9: The Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain: “his clothes became dazzling white.”
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### The End of Epiphany

Scripture filled with images of light and power – there could not be a better way to end the season of Epiphany. During this season immediately following Christmas, Gospel stories begin to reveal who this child really is. With Christmas God’s Angels announced the light bursting into the darkness, and as Jesus began his ministry on earth, God’s presence and love for us emerged story by story in the Gospel readings for the Sundays of Epiphany:

- Matthew 2:1-2 – wise men from the East came to honor to the “child who has been born king of the Jews.”
- Mark 1:4-11 – After John baptized Jesus, a voice from Heaven proclaimed, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”
- Mark 1:14-20 and John 1:43-15 – Jesus goes to Galilee and begins to gather disciples.
- Mark 1:21-28 – In Capernaum Jesus teaches in the synagogue and exorcises an evil spirit.
- Mark 1:29-29 – Jesus heals many of the sick and travels throughout Galilee.
- Mark 9:2-9 – Jesus is transfigured on the mountain.

Throughout these stories Jesus consistently tells those present at his miracles that he did not want them to tell others, for there was to be more to his time on Earth. The last line of this Sunday’s Gospel (Mark 9:9) is “As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.” With this we enter a new church season, Lent, a time of revelation of Jesus the Christ.

Next week I will send out an Ash Wednesday reflection as we start the season of Lent. Many of us have different experiences and memories of Lent, and the reflection will be an invitation to not merely to “turn away from” but to “turn to” a better way of life. God’s Peace. - Vance

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**Special Prayers:** for young Lalin Rose undergoing surgery: for continued healing of Lynn’s injury: all those suffering physically, mentally, and spiritually during the COVID pandemic; and finally, for peace and justice within our country.